

Frances Shimer Record



Dr. and Mrs. Albin C. Bro
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Shimer Begins Its Ninety-Seventh Year

Frances Shimer's Ninety-Seventh Year officially got underway on Tuesday, October 6, when Acting President John H. Russel opened the first session of a three-day orientation period for faculty and staff members in the Heinze Room of Campbell Library. Keynoting the sessions were the words, "Cooperation" and "Integration", with emphasis upon the responsibility of faculty and staff members to the aims and purposes of the school. Various committee reports on the academic work of the students, the integration of communications in the curriculum, the use of the library, and student discipline helped to achieve a desirable sense of unity in regards to faculty and staff relationship toward the overall aims of the institution. The annual President's dinner, held this year in West Hall Lounge, concluded the faculty orientation program.

New students began arriving on Sunday, September 11, and were immediately welcomed into the Shimer Family by a staff of old students who served as hostesses and campus guides. After a series of teas, picnics and informal get-togethers, new students were given a set of three placement tests and were registered for their first semester course.

Old students returned to the campus on Tuesday and Wednesday, registered on the latter day and met for the first time their Little Sisters at the Y. W. C. A. Tea in West Hall Lounge, immediately

following the opening convocation service in Metcalf Chapel. Classes began on Thursday, September 15.

This year's student body comes from all parts of the country, as far east as Connecticut, as far west as Washington, and stretching south from Michigan to New Mexico. As in previous years the majority of girls come from Illinois, Iowa, and Southern Wisconsin, with foreign countries represented by girls from Japan, China, Hawaii and Argentina. One male student is again enrolled in the college, although only as a part-time student.

On Saturday morning, September 17, the National Alumnae Board met with the Committee on Resources and Development of the Board of Trustees to make final arrangements for the Living Endowment Program. The annual meeting of the Trustees was held on the following Saturday where the following members were re-elected for another three year term: Mr. S. J. Campbell, Mr. S. C. Campbell, Mr. William H. Jackson, Mr. Edgar B. Tolman and Mrs. Myrtle C. Walgreen.

During the summer a considerable number of improvements and the usual amount of redecorating took place both inside and outside the college buildings. Extensive work was done on the boiler in the Power Plant, including the installation of a new stoker. Administrative offices in Metcalf Hall were rearranged in a more convenient manner so that the day by day operation of the school might be more closely integrated.

Everything considered, it appears now that Shimer's Ninety-Seventh year will be one of great promise.

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Albin C. Bro Resigns; John H. Russel Named Acting President

After ten full years of devoted service, Dr. Albin C. Bro has resigned as President of Frances Shimer College, effective this month. His decision came only after long and careful consideration, the facts of which are explained more fully in his letter which follows on this page.

The College will feel the impact of his departure; the thousands of students, alumnae and friends, whose lives he has touched during the last decade, will miss his genuine interest and affection. The influence of both Dr. and Mrs. Bro has been of marked significance.

As of August 1, Dr. John H. Russel, dean of the College, has been

serving as Acting President, a position he will continue to hold during the remainder of the year. Dr. Russel came to Shimer in September of 1948 after fifteen years' experience in the field of education. He holds degrees from Illinois College, Harvard and the University of Chicago. He has taught in the Illinois public school system and at Blackburn College, serving there as Dean until his entry into the Navy in 1943. He came to Shimer directly from the University of Chicago where he served as technical assistant with the North Central Association. Dr. and Mrs. Russel and their two children have been living in Sawyer House since the middle of August.



Dr. Russel

Dear Shimer Friends:

"The best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft agley." And our plans of the last few months certainly fall into that category.

On April 1 I received a telegram from Dr. Brumbaugh informing me that the Department of State wanted me to come to Washington for an interview regarding a position in Korea. The idea appealed to me immediately, so I went. Korea is one of the danger spots in the "cold war" between the ideas and ideals of democracy and communism—the kind of area where a "hot war" can easily break into flame. The work was to be cultural and educational, including the selection of young Korean boys and girls for educational training in our country under partial assistance from funds provided by the Fulbright Act.

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The Presidents Page . .

Dear Alumnae,

As another year opens at Shimer I am happy to send you special greetings. Our opening schedule, which included faculty and student orientation, special tests for students, registration, opening convocation, is probably similar to the kind of schedule you have known in other years. Many of the traditional events at Shimer are those which you know; in many ways Shimer goes on the same from year to year. It is always difficult, however, for alumnae to realize that at the same time, Shimer goes through many changes—changes which are bound to occur from year to year with a changing student group.

There are a few very definite changes this year which will interest you. This year we are having a daily twenty-minute chapel service which comes in the middle of the morning. Twice a week this program is a religious service; one of these two religious programs is handled entirely by students. The other three chapel periods are reserved for our orientation program which runs through the year. Another change which is new this year is our supervised study program for all Lower Division students, with the provision, too, for study supervision for Upper Division students who have some difficulty with their course work.

The student newspaper has been revitalized this year under student direction and so far has been appearing each week as a two or three page multi-copied sheet. Of course, the annual RECORD which you have known for many years appears regularly in the spring.

Our curriculum continues to be centered in a program of general education, a philosophy of education to which both the Board of

Trustees and the Faculty of the College have been committed for the last few years. The structure of this program requires a core of required courses, which would mean that approximately two-thirds to three-fourths of the student's course schedule falls within this core program of general education. Frances Shimer has shown foresight in the development of its curriculum, and it is gratifying to note that an increasing number of institutions are planning programs of a like nature.

The choir has already begun practice under the direction of Mr. Frank Pooler who served on a part-time basis with the College last year and is serving as the full-time director of the choir this year. The choir is already planning one or two pre-Christmas performances, and a choir trip through southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois is planned for the first week in April. There is every indication that we will have a great choir this year.

Those of you who were here last year will recall the nine-day air trip that some of our students made to Florida and the West Indies. This year a similar air trip is being planned which will take a small group of students to Mexico.

We are looking forward now to our annual Parents' Week-end on November 5 and 6. In the past this has been a program of activities planned primarily for Shimer dads. This year we are including both mothers and fathers in our invitation.

I am looking forward to knowing many alumnae, and I hope that many of you will write to me from time to time.

Sincerely,

John H. Russel

Acting President



Mr. McBride



Miss Bell



Miss Lafans



Mr. Crawford

Shimer Family Welcomes New Faculty And Staff Members . . .

Seven new faculty members and three additions to the staff are augmenting the Shimer family this fall.

● Appointed to the staff as Director of Admissions and Public Relations is Mr. Neil J. Crawford. Mr. Crawford was graduated from the Farmersburg, Indiana, high school in 1920 and took the A. B. degree, *magna cum laude*, from Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois, in 1925. He received the B. D. degree from Yale University in 1927. In addition to holding pastorates in Cleveland and Athens, Ohio, in Buffalo, New York and Toronto, Ontario, he has taught Old and New Testament History at Schauffler College in Cleveland.

Mr. Crawford is a Rotarian, a 32 degree Mason, and a member of the S.A.B. He has had wide experience as a lecturer before college and high school assemblies, service clubs and lodges and has been in demand for commencement addresses in forty-six states. His wife and two sons, Garry and Kenneth, have accompanied him to Mt. Carroll. His daughter, Diana, is a Junior at Bethany College in West Virginia. Mr. Crawford assumed his present position on the first of September.

● Mr. Duncan E. McBride has been named Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences succeeding Dr. Bertha R. Leaman who resigned to accept a similar position at the West Liberty State College, West Liberty, West Virginia. Mr. McBride has been an instructor at Frances Shimer since 1944. Dr. Leaman had been on the staff since 1943 and served as Chairman of the Division of Social Sciences since 1945. At West Liberty State College Dr. Leaman will be a full professor as well as head of the Division.

Filling the vacancy left by the elevation of Mr. McBride is Miss Ruth E. Lafans of Minneapolis, Minnesota. A graduate of the University of Minnesota in 1929 with a B.S. degree, Miss Lafans completed work on her Masters degree at the University of Minnesota in 1943 and is now working toward her Ph. D. in History at the same institution. Miss Lafans has had eighteen and a half years of teaching experience in both high school and college work. Her last position was at the Salem Academy and College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina,

where she served as Dean of Women.

● Miss Mary E. Bell, R. N., was named Director of Student Health Service succeeding Miss Mona Robison who had been on the staff since 1947.

A graduate of the Women's and Children's Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, Miss Bell has enjoyed a varied experience in the field of nursing. She has served as a staff nurse in numerous Chicago hospitals for a period of twenty years and has acted as camp nurse in a Michigan summer camp. She comes to Shimer from the Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross where she was engaged in temporary Polio emergency nursing. Miss Bell is residing in the college infirmary.

● Mrs. Edna B. Gifford of Mt. Carroll has been named instructor in typing for the year. Mrs. Gifford came directly from Illinois State Normal University, DeKalb, Illinois, in 1929 to teach commercial subjects in the Mt. Carroll public high school, serving as instructor there until 1931. She was appointed instructor in typing and shorthand at Frances Shimer in 1934, and continued in that capacity for a period of eight years. In 1943 she was named secretary to the President, a position which she will continue to hold in addition to teaching.

● Mrs. Lelia Kay Wright, who for the past five years served as Admissions Counselor for the Chicago Area, accepted the position of Director of Admissions at Marjorie Webster Junior College located in Rock Creek Park Estates, Washington, D. C., effective the first of September. Mrs. Wright joined the Shimer faculty as an instructor in Violin in 1943 and was the following year placed in charge of the Chicago Office. Plans to replace her have not been completed.

Former Faculty Notes..

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Priesing (Dorothy McLemore, Piano '39-'41), a son, Richard Baxter, on August 10, 1949. Their address is 55 Academy Rd., Caldwell, New Jersey.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor Drake (Margaret Johnson, Dean '40-'42), a son, David Edward, on August 9, 1949. The Drakes are living at 1129 Twelfth Ave., Moline, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lovejoy (Chemistry '40-'47) visited on the Shimer campus during the past summer. Their address is 1902 B Avenue, N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Miss Jane Eby (Piano '41-'49) has returned to the States after a summer in Europe. Miss Eby writes that she had a wonderful summer hearing concerts every day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert Henrie, Jr. (Betty J. Collins, Physical Education '45-'48), a daughter, Betty June, on July 24, 1949. The Henries live at Miller Apts. No. 2, Center and Main, Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

Married: Masago Shibuya (Secretary to Dean Lane '43-'44) to Hubert C. Armstrong on September 3, 1948. The Armstrongs' address is Commander Hotel, Apt. 109, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts. Mr. Armstrong is on the faculty of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glotzer (Romana Fierro, Spanish '46-'48) a son. Mr. and Mrs. Glotzer are living at 1015 E. 52nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Died: Rev. R. H. Seitner (instructor in Biblical History, 1926-1933, Minister Emeritus of the First Baptist Church, Mt. Carroll) on July 9 at Hines Hospital, Hines, Illinois.

"Remember?"



Gertrude Dreesman of Lakota, Iowa, was crowned May Queen during the traditional May Day festivities in 1927. Can you name the attendants?

All This Happened in 1927-1928! . . .

An epidemic of mumps took possession of the campus and forced postponement of the Senior Prom. . . Semester grades were still being issued from the University of Chicago . . . Ruth Mearns won the most badges in the S. U. S. contest for Good Posture Week, 23, in fact. . . The Senior Class of 1927 was entertained at dinner in Sawyer House by President and Mrs. McKee, becoming the first class ever to be entertained there. . . Grace Reynolds Squires, '02, was elected president of the Alumnae Association at the annual reunion dinner and Nellie Shirk Rinewalt, '77, was honored on her golden anniversary as a Shimer alumna . . . Bernice Edwards was elected president of

the Student Council for 1927-1928 . . . Everybody was eating at Katie's . . . Frosh week called for the following: "Skirts must be above the knees, bloomers below, unmatched hose and shoes, middies on backwards, sashes over them, a black tie for a sling, an ear-ring on one ear, a brass curtain ring on the other, five bracelets, three strings of beads, a ring on every finger, green painted caps, tied securely, with straight hair behind ears and, lastly, no cosmetics, except a generous coating of cold cream. Each Frosh must carry a waste-paper basket filled with books, and a jumping rope and wear a safety pin as a frat pin." . . . Madelene Mosher, as "Topsy" was awarded the prize for

the most original costume at the Halloween Prom given by the Academy Juniors . . . Sophomore special privileges included lying luxuriously in bed three mornings a month while the rest of the school dragged sleepy-eyed to breakfast, permission to stay off campus until five-fifteen, have lunch down town on Mondays without a chaperone, go in groups of four to Freeport once a semester, and sit in the bald-headed row in chapel . . . In spite of the Junior's frantic last-minute efforts to find him, Nebby stood proudly on the Seniors' table Thanksgiving Day . . . Notice, posted by Miss Morrison, "Parties that do not get their notebooks at once shall be thrown in the waste basket." . . . Among the guests the last night at Shimer before Christmas vacation began was Lorado Taft, the noted American sculptor. At eight o'clock, December 16, 1927, in Metcalf Hall, Mr. Taft unveiled a reproduction of his Lincoln, the Young Lawyer, the original of which is in Champaign, Illinois. This piece was the beginning of the present art gallery . . . Thirty cents per person admitted you to the A. A. dance on January 21 where the most popular number requested was "Show Boat" . . . The Sewing Club reported that their January meeting found the tongues going a little faster than the needles, perhaps . . . The Constant Wife was running in Chicago, starring Ethel Barrymore . . . Miss Burtis' presentation of the play, 'Pigs', a rapidly moving comedy of American life, was a moving success on the Shimer campus . . . Joke: Little Beth—"Auntie, why are those two angry girls trading coats and hats?" Miss Hostetter—"They're room-mates, dear" . . . Madeleine Johnson reigned as 1928 May Queen. Betty Seitner and Suzanne Miles leading the procession as crown-bearer and Buddy Seitner and Teddy Miles

serving as queen's pages . . . Upon the eve of the Seventy-Fifth anniversary of the founding of Frances Shimer, the entire student body made the third annual pilgrimage to Mrs. Shimer's grave . . . On May eleventh hay-racks transported students off the campus and on to Smith's Park where different groups explored the cave, sought out the refreshment stand, furnished their own music for dancing on the pavilion and stowed away sandwiches, potato salad, pickles, cake and coffee for lunch . . . All expectations were more than realized during Vernet White's graduate recital in piano on March 26 . . . When the weatherman decided there should be rain on June fifth, the scheduled lawn supper for college sophomores and academy seniors was served in Metcalf Hall, which was converted into a most attractive dining room by means of pink and white peonies, and table decorations in the pastel shades . . . The pageant, "Frances Shimer's Gift to Education," was presented on June twelfth, in commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth anniversary of the school. The pageant was presented on the natural stage provided by the lawns on the south quadrangle between the rows of stately, deep-rooted pines and larch trees planted by the founder herself and was excellently portrayed . . . Receiving with President and Mrs. McKee at the open house at Sawyer House on June 11 was Mrs. Winona Branch Sawyer of Lincoln, Nebraska, a member of the class of 1871. The occasion marked, not only her first visit to the School since 1911 but also to Sawyer House, the generous gift to her Alma Mater . . . Dean Shailer Mathews of the University of Chicago Divinity School gave the Commencement Address on June 13, 1928, speaking on the subject.

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The Enrichment of a Campus . . .

Editor's Note: These four pages explain in some detail the Living Endowment Program, launched on November 1 and continuing through November 15. This program is a definite step forward in the conducting of the college's financial campaigns, since it guarantees that ONCE EACH YEAR, and only once, will Frances Shimer ask its alumnae to contribute to any college project.

Every educational institution in the country, regardless of its heritage and its noble record, must have financial security in order to guarantee its future. Frances Shimer College is no exception.

Because it is privately controlled Shimer today faces increasing competition from all the publicly supported educational institutions in the country. Tax supported schools are continually improving their equipment, strengthening their faculties, and, consequently, enriching their entire programs. The possibility that their better financial means may help them ultimately to overshadow our academic program is cause for some alarm.

We feel that if Shimer is to run a race in which all of us can take pride it must possess the most adequate equipment and the keenest faculty, as well as the strong educational program which it now enjoys. All of you realize that colleges like Shimer are not supported entirely from the fees of students. A substantial amount of income for operating expenses comes from gifts and endowments. Neither fees nor special funds, however, can provide for additions and improvements to the physical plant nor for increases in faculty and staff salaries. Such additions can come only from the generous philanthropy of loyal alumnae such as you. The National Alumnae Board has therefore planned this Living Endowment Program to raise funds for these two purposes.

The information on the following pages will help you plan accordingly the contribution you will want to make at this time.

The Living Endowment Program

AN OPEN FORUM:

Q. What is the Living Endowment?

A. The Living Endowment is a very simple plan by which an alumna can maintain the principal sum of an endowment for the college merely by paying the interest on it for one or more years.

Q. Why does Shimer need additional endowment?

A. In comparison with any of the better liberal arts colleges in the country, Shimer's endowment is pitifully small. Less than 3% of Shimer's total educational costs are provided by its permanent endowment.

Q. Who decides where the money will go?

A. Since this is strictly an alumnae project, the National Alumnae Board has the final decision. This year 85% of the total will be turned over to the College for operating expenses as outlined on page 12. The remaining 15% will be held in trust by the College and used for special projects as voted by the Alumnae Association.

Q. What about my alumnae dues?

A. Alumnae dues for 1949-1950 will be payable this year on the same blank provided for your pledge to the Living Endowment Program. Once again one-half of your dues (\$1.00) will support the printing of the Alumnae News; the remainder (\$1.00) will be kept in the Association treasury for operating expenses.

Q. How much should I give?

A. The size of your gift is directly related to your own psychological need, for giving is one of your real needs. In the final analysis it's not the size of your gift that matters; the most important thing is that you do give! Turn to the chart on page 11 and pledge your gift according to your capacity to give.

And Your Share In It . . .

LOOK AT THE AMAZING POSSIBILITIES THIS PROGRAM REVEALS!

If 1% of all Shimer Alumnae gave \$	100
If 2% " " " " "	50
If 5% " " " " "	25
If 25% " " " " "	10
If 50% " " " " "	5 (or less)

We would have available a total of \$25,000

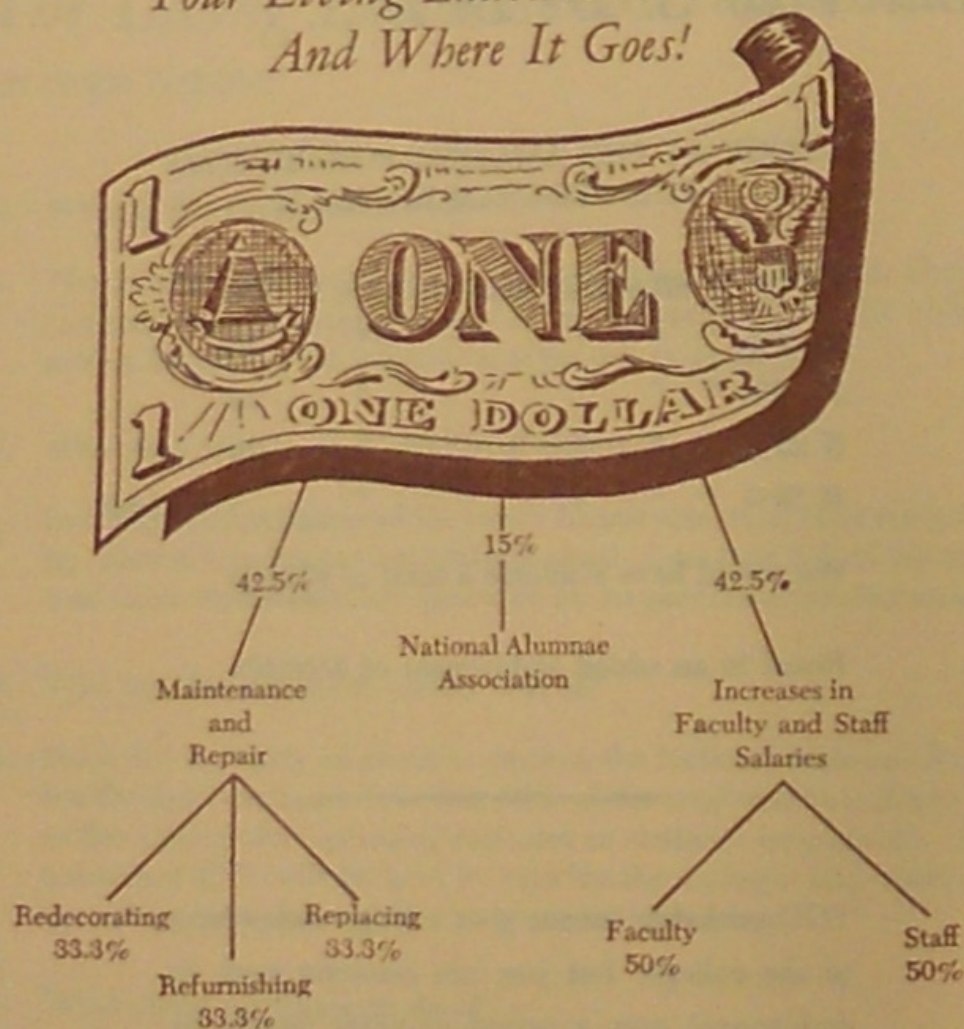
Equal to an added endowment of \$800,000

YOU probably cannot give a large endowment to the college, but you can maintain such an endowment over a period of years merely by paying the yearly interest rate

Your Gift of	Maintains an Endowment of
\$ 1.00	\$ 30
5.00	150
10.00	300
25.00	750
50.00	1500
100.00	3000
150.00	4500
200.00	6000

(Interest rates are figured around 3%)

*Your Living Endowment Dollar
And Where It Goes!*



Frances Shimer College
LIVING ENDOWMENT PROGRAM
Mount Carroll, Illinois

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For: Living Endowment . \$.....

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- ☐ Monthly
☐ Quarterly
☐ Semi-Annually
☐ Annually

This pledge is deemed effective for a period of one year at which time it will be renewed automatically. It is understood you may terminate your pledge at any time.

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Across the Campus . . .

● An organ recital by Miss Marjorie Jackson of Chicago opened on September 18 the first in a series of Sunday evening recitals by outstanding concert artists. Miss Jackson, a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, recently received her Master's Degree in organ from the Conservatory.

The second in the series of concert recitals was presented by John S. Sweeney III, a brilliant young pianist from Detroit, Michigan. Until the beginning of his present concert tour, Mr. Sweeney was pianist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Karl Kreuger. His program consisted of music by Scarlatti, Mozart, Schumann, Chopin, Dohnanyi and Gounod-Liszt and was greatly enjoyed.

● Two exhibitions of watercolors by well-known American artists have been exhibited in the Art Gallery of Campbell Library under the auspices of the Art Club. On September 25 an exhibition by Jessie Arms Botke, who is also widely known for her work in pencil and in oil, was shown from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Botke has devoted almost her entire art career to the painting of decorative bird pictures, which combine a broad dynamic charm of design, meticulous detail and opulent color.

On October 16, an exhibition by Metta Hills of California was opened to the public, depicting the customs and costumes of Guatemala and Mexico. Combined with this group was Mrs. Hills' personal collection of textiles, jewelry and clothing from Guatemala. Her work showed astonishing simplicity and a clean clarity difficult to obtain.

● The program for stunt night disclosed the discovery of a great

amount of talent among the student body. Highlighting the evening was a number of selections on the marimba played by Miss Lois Laughlin of Osage, Iowa. Besides being a musician, Miss Laughlin has won some recognition as an artist in that her colorful impression in watercolor of the song "Riders in the Sky", which Vaughn Monroe has made so popular, has been hung in the noted band leader's office.

● Under the direction of a Deputy State Fire Marshal, Shimer students were given instruction during the month of September in the handling of all standard fire fighting equipment found in the campus buildings. Firemen from the local volunteer fire department were on hand to instruct in the use of CO₂, Soda Acid, and carbontetrachloride fire extinguishers as well as the use of the County's resuscitator. Throughout the year students will be instructed in other phases of fire prevention and safety.

● Twenty-five members of the Green Curtain Dramatic Club journeyed by bus on Saturday, October 8, to Chicago where they attended Cole Porter's musical, "Kiss Me Kate", in the Schubert Theatre. While in Chicago the club also visited the Art Institute. This is the first in a series of planned trips to Chicago where members of the club will be given an opportunity to enjoy the best in drama and the creative arts. Another group of twenty girls spent the week end of October 15 at St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin, where they were guests of the St. John's Cadets.

● The fifth annual Play Day exercises were held on the campus on October 15. Forty-seven high school seniors and their advisors from surrounding cities were invited on campus to participate in the program of planned activities.

Shimer Across the Country . .

● The alumnae of the Chicago North Side and West Side Chapters combined their efforts in making possible a tea for prospective students in the Chicago home of Donna Ziebel in August. Thirty new students attended the tea, as did Dr. and Mrs. Russel, Miss Hostetter and Mr. and Mrs. Seitner from the campus. Assisting Miss Ziebell was Nancy Newell who poured.

● More than fifty California "Shimerites", including alumnae and their families, enjoyed a gala Pool Party on Sunday, September 11, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sydney Walker (Helen Huntoon '12) in Beverly Hills, California. The party which got underway at one o'clock, gave everyone a chance to swim, play bridge or canasta, and have fortunes told during the afternoon. A picnic lunch around five o'clock was eaten on card tables in the shade, each family bringing its food to pass. During the evening many of the couples enjoyed square dancing, billiards and many other activities.

● A Halloween party, held at the home of Nancy Newell, 3240 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, on October 13, brought from the campus Dr. Russel, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Seitner, as well as an interested group of Chicago North Side alumnae. Plans for the Living Endowment were discussed as were arrangements for the choir concert scheduled for the Studebaker Auditorium on Palm Sunday, April 2. Refreshments, including cider and doughnuts, taffy apples and mixed fruit, were served later in the evening.

● A Games Party, the proceeds of which will be turned into the Chi-

cago Scholarship Fund, was held at the Mills House, Home and Pleasant, Oak Park, Illinois, by the Chicago West Side Alumnae Chapter, on Friday evening, October 14. Over twenty door prizes, including cologne, candy, a vase of red roses, two small hams, hand embroidered pillow cases, a bushel of apples, a certificate for a photograph and an aqua pottery vase were awarded during the evening. The raffle prizes, drawn for during the close of the evening, consisted of a General Electric steam iron and a sandwich grill. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served as refreshments.

● The Carroll County Alumnae and their families, totalling more than fifty in number, enjoyed a picnic supper on Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen's Estate, Hazelwood, near Dixon on Saturday, October 15. Many alumnae arrived early in the afternoon to view the beauty of the grounds and stayed late to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. Walgreen. In addition to a number of Shimer faculty and staff, Dr. and Mrs. Bro and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Campbell were also in attendance. The Bros were enjoying a few days with Mrs. Walgreen. The Campbells flew in from Boston where they attended the christening of Samuel James Campbell Dynes, infant son of a former Mt. Carroll resident.

● As of this writing plans for a meeting of the Fox Valley Alumnae in the Elgin, Illinois, Y.W.C.A. Parlors on Thursday, October 27, are underway. Barbara Geister Belding, '43, 448 Ashland Avenue, Elgin, is in charge of all arrangements. Dr. Russel, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Seitner will attend from the college.

Bro Resigns (Cont.)

The interview was encouraging, an application was filed, our Shimer Board of Trustees granted a leave of absence for a year, and then the usual F. B. I. investigation commenced as the red tape and vagaries of government appointment began to unwind. One of the last – and I supposed least – of the routine requirements was a physical examination by the staff of the Fifth Army Dispensary. It was then that electro-cardiographs and x-rays revealed a functional weakness of the heart with high diastolic blood pressure that made the appointment impossible. Only then did it occur to me that the original request had come on April Fool's Day. The disappointment was very great. Our household goods had been packed and mostly distributed among our children, ten trunks and several barrels had been crammed full for shipment – when the plan went agley.

In light of the physical problem it seemed best to go ahead with a furlough year. So in late August we left for our summer home at Cable, Wisconsin, to live in the wonderful out-of-doors, to store up new health and to work out new plans and new hopes.

About that time Mrs. Bro's first novel *Sarah* appeared. The occasion was not unlike the arrival of another daughter into the family, for *Sarah* is very real to us. We were much pleased that the first printing sold out in seven weeks. We have just reached the campus after a happy week in Chicago where some of the bookstores gave luncheons and parties for *Sarah*, with broadcasts over WLS and WMAQ. There are no words to express our appreciation and gratitude to our friends.

It was a great thrill to reach the

campus. Most of you have had the excitement of the first return after being away. The Russels are in Sawyer House and have transformed it into a beautiful home. The guest room was ours. Within an hour of our arrival we met the old and new faculty members at a tea and later scores of students at a dinner in the dining room. The joy of that return will be one of our very precious memories.

The campus was full of enthusiasm. The perennial hockey activities – aching arms and legs and backs and even heads – but determination to beat College or Academy. This year the big game comes on the afternoon of Parents' Day on November 6 – a grand idea. And what a game it will be!

We were enthusiastic about the quality of the student body. Miss Hostetter remarked that it had been many years since the school had made a start with such happiness and such high morale. The complainers seem to be absent.

We attended chapel and sensed a fine religious spirit and quality of work. This year there is a daily chapel service of twenty minutes beginning at 9:50 and ending promptly at 10:10. Dr. Hutchins has an office on the campus in order to spend more time with the students. Mr. Handy's advanced course in religion and philosophy seems to be one of the best. The choir under Mr. Pooler has forty-six members, and is already showing signs of surpassing the fine group we had last year. We listened in on a rehearsal that filled us with elation. The YWCA is active on many paths of service.

Only at one point have the school plans also gone agley. There is not enough income from student fees to assure a balanced budget. An unusually large number of stu-

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Bro Resigns (Cont.)

dents required help this year in the form of work and scholarships—maybe one reason why the quality is so good. Extra work has been provided even to the extent of having some of the dishwashing done by students. But if a severe deficit is to be avoided, money is needed for food and salaries and coal bills. Everything else about the school year seems to be so fine that I feel there should be no hesitancy in asking for help or in giving it. The living endowment plan announced in this issue is sound and permanent. I do hope there will be a widespread response, especially from the girls with whom we have lived and worked during the last ten years.

The physical disability that prevented our going to Korea has also brought a decision to resign as President, effective this month. It was a very hard decision to make. During the ten years we have been at Shimer a total of approximately 2000 girls and boys have been enrolled and have become our friends. Also, we feel close to a host of parents and older alumnae. We will always be a part of this big family and will continue to cherish the warm affection and good will that is so much a part of the Shimer spirit. Whatever we may have accomplished is wrapped up in these enduring human relationships.

Our address from November 1 until next summer will be Cable, Wisconsin. There in the north land we will have time in the out-of-doors to recreate health and to continue some creative activities, including some more books. Also, for some extra fun we are going to operate a small bookshop to be called *The Book Porch*. It will be a year with books as the main activity. There will also be long winter evenings when we would enjoy reading

notes from our friends, and when we actually expect to have time to answer our mail. But perhaps the best way we can keep in touch with each other is by reaffirming our love for the lively fellowship of students and faculty, the beautiful campus, the continuing quest which has made Shimer our school.

Sincerely,

Allan C. Bro

Remember (Cont.)

"Does Education Educate?" Diplomas were conferred upon sixty-five graduates of the Academy and Junior College . . . On August 28, 1928 ground was broken for the much-needed and long hoped for gymnasium and swimming pool . . . On the evening of September 22, the Frances Shimer School Gateway was dedicated, Mr. S. J. Campbell of the Board of Trustees officially presenting the school with the new entrance. Following the presentation, coffee and doughnuts were served on the steps of Campbell Library to more than two hundred people who attended the ceremony . . . Two movies, "My Best Girl", starring Mary Pickford and "Ramano", with Dolores del Rio were shown on succeeding evenings with great enthusiasm . . . The new school song, "Frances Shimer, Thee We Praise" was sung for the first time at the Thanksgiving Dinner in 1928. The words were written by Roberta Leland of Oak Park, Illinois, and the music composed by Margaret Munger of Spencer, Iowa . . . Gertrude Best received the prize for the funniest costume at the 1928 Halloween Prom. She was, to quote herself, "The toughest feller this side of the Winegar Woiks" . . . There's more, but we've run out of space!

The Scattered Family . .

1890

Emma Devoe Biggers and her daughter were campus visitors on August 5. Her present address is 2912 South Shartel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1912

The death of Mathilda Keller Lister on June 25, 1949 was reported to us by her daughter Marion Lister Zejmowicz '36.

1918

Word has been received from Dr. Hugh E. Black, 310 State Bank Bldg., LaSalle, Illinois, that his wife Beatrice Brown Black passed away on June 4, 1949.

1923

Wanda Evans Burt visited the campus briefly on October 1. She has recently moved to Salt Lake City where her address is 523 10th Avenue. Wanda, whose husband is with the Standard Oil Company of California, has a son at the University of New Mexico. She took a look at Katie's old place and at the 'Piggery' and recalled that she and Pearl Kulp McDonald had been organizers and charter members of the Green Curtain Dramatic Club.

Mabel Morris, after a long and successful teaching career, is now living at her old home in Newton, Iowa.

1930

Ruth Todd Wiekhorst, her husband and three children, Todd, 7, Wayne, 4, and Rita, 1 are living in Santa Susana, California where they are in the business of raising oranges, tomatoes and lima beans. She writes that her sister Mary Todd Grimes '24 visited with her and her sister Anne '28 this past summer.

Married: Martha Jane Miller to Mr. Franz W. Dyck on October 8, 1949, in Chicago. Mildred Russell Walton, '30, attended as Matron of Honor. Mildred now has two boys, 15 and 12 years old, and is living in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

1931

Wilma Geary Roberts, her husband and two sons, are living at 324 So. Magnolia, Monrovia, California. Mrs. Roberts has returned to school and writes, "I hope to someday get a degree from U.C.L.A. in Applied Arts, Interior and Costume Design. It will take a long time, I'm resigned to that, but it will be most enjoyable."

1933

Priscilla LePelley Cooper visited campus on August 11. She was enroute with her two children, Sharon, age 7, and Toby, age 4, to Sharon, Connecticut, to visit her brother, Guernsey, while her husband was finding a home for them near New York City where he has recently

taken a new position. Priscilla reminisced about the four roommates whom she had during the four years she was at Shimer. She remarked that Eleanore Seefeldt was a good student and her rival in classes, that Ruth Cervin was an unhappy little girl who needed a cheerful roommate and that it was a privilege to have Eleanor Porter the last year. She remarked that Ann Sims had a lovely voice and what a wonderful roommate she had been. We wondered about "Tubby" Wahl and how someone at commencement time during the giving of awards had suggested that Tubby take a basket when she went to the platform the next time. "The campus smells" said Priscilla, "just as I remember it."

1934

Helen Bannon, LaSalle, Illinois, is now touring the United States demonstrating the Wurlitzer organ for the company.

Patricia Speed is working as a secretary to the Los Angeles Manager of the J. Walter Thompson Company, the largest advertising firm in the world. Patricia's address is 800 North Las Palmas Ave., Apt. 205, Hollywood 38, California.

1936

Barbara McNab Rogers and her husband, Dr. H. Milton Rogers, and their daughter, Marjorie, visited on the Shimer campus, June 14. Their address is 815 Jennings Ave., North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Married: Marion Lister to Mr. Paul Zejmowicz on September 24, 1949, in Savanna, Illinois. Her address is 2815 Forty-second street, Rock Island, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Bloden (Hazel Arnurius), a daughter, Brigid, on June 29, 1949. The Bloden's are living at 6524 South Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

1937

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Thompson (Edwina Myers), a daughter, Linda Helen, on September 28, 1949. Their address is 271½ So. Broadway, Peru, Indiana.

1940

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Slater (Rita Trace), a daughter, Elizabeth Trace, on December 12, 1948. Their address is 511 Glencoe Ave., Highland Park, Illinois.

Frances Bone Anderson and her husband visited the Shimer campus on September 16, 1949. The Andersons are at home at 583 Pammel Court, Ames, Iowa.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. George Anger (Dorothy Whittaker), a daughter, Pamela Ann, on July 17, 1949. The Anger family

is living at 1316 W. Bracken Rd., Metamora, Michigan.

Married: Margaret Straw to Mr. Herbert H. Greenwald on December 18, 1948 at the home of Margaret's parents in Winnebago, Illinois. Margaret is employed as a bookkeeper at the Silver Burdett Publishing Company and lives at 1526 E. 67th Place Winnebago, Illinois.

Phyllis Steele Butters and her husband are living in Hayward, California. Phyllis writes, "Mr. Butters was stationed in California during the war, so like many others we remained and now call this home. We built a house on the Oakland side of the Bay, though his work is in San Francisco. We have a darling little girl now 9 months old, whom we adopted when eleven days old".

Madalyn Bruns Kennedy and her husband, John, are living at 2009 N. 73rd Ave., Elwood Park Illinois. Madalyn is working for the Universal Venetian Blind Company in Forest Park and her husband is with the Sinclair Oil Company.

Married: Lorraine Lawyer Mitchell to Mr. Robert J. Keast on September 3, 1949, in Ironwood, Michigan. The Mitchells are living at 612 Iron Street, Hurley, Wisconsin. Lorraine's sister, Harriet, is a student at Shimer this year.

1941

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Seaberg (Audrey Ewald), a son, John Charles, on July 26, 1949. The Seabergs live at 1416 Jefferson St., Des Plaines Illinois.

Josephine Harriman Smith and her family enjoyed a motor and boat trip through French Canada in September. While in Canada, they stayed at the famous "Manoir Richelieu" at Murray Bay. The return trip was via Maine and Boston.

Married: Donna Pinnell to Mr. William H. Gabriel on April 23, 1949, in the First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Iowa. Donna and her husband are living at 320-5th Avenue, South, Clinton, Iowa.

Married: Ruth Stevens Bennett to Mr. Robert N. Fuleihan on September 11, 1949, in Summit, New Jersey. Barbara Day, Ruth's roommate at Shimer, was one of the bridesmaids. The Fuleihans are living at 24 Fairway Road, Chestnut Massachusetts.

Peg Stone Dickman and her husband are living at R. No. 2, Box 209, Indian Lake, Eau Claire, Michigan. Peg writes that she had a perfect summer sailing, golfing and water skiing.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Malotte (Mary Sue Ensminger), a son, Leonard Arthur, on August 13, 1949. The Malottes are living at 1714 Commercial,

Coleman, Texas.

1943

Married: Alice Breeze to Mr. John H. Stienbeck on October 29, 1949, in the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. William H. Morris, Jr. (June Gebert), a son, William H. III, on June 7, 1949. Their address is 118 State St., Merrill, Wisconsin.

Betty Ann Taylor Schorger writes, "We have returned to the United States and are living at Sudbury Road, Concord, Massachusetts. Seems good to be back even though we had a grand year in the West Indies".

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Sevin (Dorothy Bull), a son Peter Frederick, on July 19, 1949. The Sevin's are living at 14107 Hubbell Ave., Detroit 27, Michigan.

Married: Elizabeth Cooper to Mr. Richard D. Blum on June 19, 1949 in New York.

Married: Audrea Schlaefli to Mr. Thomas E. Carlson on July 16, 1949, at St. Robert's Rectory, Shorewood, Wisconsin. The Carlsons are living at 711 North 16th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Hartman (Virginia Gordon), a daughter Jill Annette, on July 16, 1949. The Hartmans are living at Ct. J - 40-c, Stadium Terrace, Champaign, Illinois, a university housing development, while Mr. Hartman continues his study in architecture at the University of Illinois.

1944

Lavina Ricketts and her husband, Carl, are living at 510 Willow St., Pacific Grove, California, where her husband is a submarine officer with the United States Navy. They have a son, Gordon Michael, born June 6, 1948.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. James Fisk (Rita Rodee), a son, James Palmer, on June 11, 1949. Their address is Prophetstown, Illinois.

Married: Mary Elizabeth Treat to Mr. Merle F. Kuhlman on August 6, 1949, in the Bushnell Congregational Church, Detroit, Michigan. The Kuhlman's are living at 15716½ Ward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Marion Cadle Towns and her husband, Howard, are living in Gibsland, Louisiana, Box 241. Marion writes, "I hope some day to be able to go back and visit Shimer as I loved it there and want my husband to see it and know why I talk about it so much".

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Koehler, Sr. (Elaine Sterner), a son, Charles Joseph, Jr., on August 11, 1949. The Koehler's address is 6203 North Claremont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

1945

Shirley Bistier Hotchkiss and her ten month old son, Ricky, are living with Shirley's parents at 750 Milwaukee Rd., Beloit, Wisconsin, awaiting orders to join her husband in Japan. Lt. Hotchkiss will be stationed in Japan for thirty months.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mankin (Janet Shaw), a daughter, Margaret Ann, on August 29, 1949. Their address is 568 Ramona Drive, Central Park, Holland, Michigan.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown (Florence Nance), a son, Jack David, Jr. on July 10, 1949. The Browns live at 6845 Euclid Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Wilda Sedgwick Dunlop and her husband are living at 1115 Rossmore Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, where her husband is employed by Procter & Gamble. Wilda writes, "We'd like very much to have any Shiner girls living near to contact us".

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Eastman (Teddy Sargent), a son, Thomas Nelson, on June 10, 1949. Their address is Namra No. 3, American Embassy, Cairo, Egypt.

Married: Pauline Harrington to Mr. Donald Wallick on August 14, 1949, in London, Illinois.

Eileen Heft was married in December of 1948 to Mr. Clark Austin. She and her husband are now living at 1023 N. Walnut St., Danville, Illinois. Eileen writes, "I was looking through some of my scrapbooks today that I had at Shiner. Looking through the bids for dances, place cards for our banquets. Then I began to reminisce of the grand old days—the smoker, the big hockey game, basketball games between the college and academy. It certainly makes me homesick to see all the girls again".

1946

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Struener (Nancy Schermerhorn), a daughter, Mary. Mr. Struener has entered the Thayer School this fall, doing post graduate work in Engineering. Their address is 166 Wigwam Circle, Hanover, New Hampshire.

Married: Marilyn Jean Miles to Mr. Robert Lott on September 10, 1949, at the First Congregational Church, Berwyn, Illinois. The Lotts are living at 521 Pine Ave., Julesburg, Colorado.

Frances Moulds, who lives at 625 W. 10th St., Claremont, California, graduated from Pomona College on June 12, 1949.

Married: Duan Geroy to Mr. Kenneth Moehtie on June 4, 1949, in Downers Grove, Illinois. The Moehties are living at 5602 Middaugh, Downers Grove, Illinois.

Lois Burrack Seneft is living at No. 2 Austin Court, Berwyn, Maryland. She has recently been appointed supervisor of the speech pathology section of Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington.

Joanne Catlin writes that since being in California she has seen Dr. and Mrs. Husband several times and also Masago Shibuya. In the last letter from Joanne she informed us that she has been accepted both at Stanford and at U.C.L.A. and was at that time in a dither about which school to attend. She further writes in her letter, "Golly I miss all of you wonderful people. Shiner is something that happens to people only once in a lifetime, and I'm so happy to have had my two years there. I wouldn't trade them for anything".

Married: Marilyn Hocker to Mr. David E. Williams on October 26, 1949, in the Byrn Mawr Community Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Married: Marilyn Hardt to Mr. Charles Adams, who attended Shiner. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are living at 1103 East Turley St., Phoenix, Arizona.

1947

Mail can reach Barbara Droste Avery and her husband at Box 713, Iowa City, Iowa. Barbara is working as a Laboratory Assistant to a research physician at the University of Iowa while her husband is in his last year of business school.

Married: Mary Lane to Mr. Henry O. Smith on August 18, 1949, at the First Parish Church, Brunswick, Maine. Their address is 2 Raleigh Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Mary is taking a liberal arts course at Boston University where her husband is a law student. Mary transferred from Colby Junior College where she graduated last June.

Katherine Gilmore Phillips has enlisted in the WACs for three years, and at present is at Camp Lee getting her basic training.

Doris Gunter is this year teaching first grade in the Arthur School, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her address is 2509 "A" Avenue, N.E., Cedar Rapids.

According to information received in the Alumnae Office, Betty Jo Guyan attended summer school at Northwestern University and was married on Saturday, September 3, to a graduate student in the School of Journalism. Betty Jo plans to complete her work and to graduate in December 1949.

Married: Rosalie Forrer to Mr. Edward A. Green (Shimer veteran '47) on June 18, 1948, in Rectory of St. Monica's Parish, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin.

Married: Lois Hopp to Mr. M. H. Brown on June 30, 1949. Mr. and Mrs. Brown visited the Shimer campus on July 14 and left with us their new address: 3311 Chicago Blvd., Detroit 6, Michigan.

Married: Joan Tremaine to Mr. Daniel Ruff, Jr. on February 26, 1949. They are living at 3578 E. Forest St., Detroit 7, Michigan.

1948

Married: Marilyn Nelson to Mr. Jack Myers on August 21, 1949. The Myers are living at 128½ E. Davenport, Iowa City, Iowa. Marilyn tells us that her husband is in his third year of Graduate Work, doing his Ph. D. in Psychology, and that he was her instructor in Psychology at the University of Iowa. Marilyn writes that she plans to finish her last two years of college and that during her Sophomore year at Iowa she was a member of the bagpipe band—Scottish Highlanders—and pledged Gamma Phi Beta.

Pat Senneff is touring northern Minnesota, presenting concerts on her marimba.

Word comes to us from Donna Ziebell that Nan Franklin is working in Davenport, Iowa. Her address is Lend-A-Hand Club, Davenport.

Teddy Osterbusch has opened the Charlotte Studio in Eaton, Illinois, an Art Studio where she will do portraits of animals.

Married: Jeanne Tugaw to Mr. Willard Gatzmer. According to information received Jeanne is living in Salt Lake City where her husband is attending the University of Utah.

Pauline Grauer is a Sophomore at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, and has pledged Delta Gamma. Her home address is 7236 Euclid Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Caroline Hand is enrolled as a Freshman at the University of Illinois. Caroline's home address is 6807 No. Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois.

Summer visitors on campus were Alice Nelson and her parents on a return trip from California and Canada.

Jettie Moore is attending Ward Belmont School this year.

1949

Joan Armour Mason and her husband are living at 748 Portage, Apt. 4, South Bend, Indiana. The Masons spent their honeymoon cruising down the Potomac and sightseeing in Washington, D. C.

Barbara Byrne spent the summer working at Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, Wis-

consin, and is now enrolled at North Central College, Naperville, Illinois.

Marion Freed is attending Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio.

Shirley Swanson is enrolled at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota. Mail to her should be sent in care of Rundstrom Hall.

Marilyn Irwin is working for a telephone company in Springfield, Illinois.

Joan Wilson of Wyoming, Iowa, was chosen Wyoming dairy queen this past summer and competed at the Jones county fair. Joan is now attending school at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Margaret Zimmerman is attending Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. She writes, "All has gone rather well. After one week of classes and loads of studying I feel that I can make such a statement, with reservations, of course! Linfield is beautiful, but it can't beat Shimer in the autumn. You see, I miss the old Alma Mater, too".

Ramona Hinebaugh and Joanne Schoening are attending the Northwest Institute of Medical Technology in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ramona's address is 3430-31st Ave., South Minneapolis and Joanne's is 309 Toledo Avenue, Minneapolis.

Priscilla Schoen is teaching kindergarten at the Savanna Avenue School this year where she has 19 children enrolled in the morning and 20 in the afternoon. Her address is still Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

On September 6 Pat Smith began her study on an executive-secretarial course at Gregg College in Chicago. Pat writes that her summer activities included much sewing, bridge lessons and concentration upon the finer points of the microscope, and a meeting for lunch with Francine Shaw, Pat Casper and Mickey McMullen.

Alice Gille writes, "I will never be able to forget my year at Shimer. I met so many lovely girls and made many friendships that will last for many years to come". Alice's address is Cuba City, Wisconsin.

Married: Joan Peterson to Mr. Eugene Schreiner on July 23, 1949, at the Hilton Chapel, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. The Schreiners are living at Chadwick, Illinois.

Janet Laven and Nanette Darrigrand are living at the Three Arts, 1300 No. Dearborn, Chicago, where Jan is attending the American School of Art and Nan the Goodman Theatre.

Loel Diamond is attending the School of Business Administration at the University of California in Berkeley.